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Dear Mr. Attorney General, et al:

I conceive the actions by the DOJ, under the Bush administration, to be a failure regarding the handling of the Microsoft case. Failure to break up this mega-corporation will continue the oppressive effects Microsoft has upon the software market and the PC industry. This may sound harsh, especially coming from a conservative such as myself. However, I am knowledgeable about software and PCs. Knowledgeable enough to know that DOJ took a weak case against MS, because they are guilty of much, much worse than they were found to be. It is evident to me, from the statements from the lawyers in the case, that DOJ is almost without a clue when it comes to PC operating systems and without a clue in assessing what impact MS's coercive tactics have had in the PC industry, as well as the software industry.

Microsoft is a mega-corporation that puts out grossly under-engineered products. They are, in many ways, dangerous to the PC industry, the consumer, and business. But the overwhelming majority of the users out there don't have a clue about this. Ignorance is their bliss. MS's strong-arm tactics, and anti-competitive monopoly has grossly distorted and brought to ruin much of the competition in the software industry. MS should be broken-up and anything short of that is merely a slap on the hand of a serious offender against freely competitive markets.

Some of us know, are aware of, why MS has risen to its place in the market. Sure, the right people, at the right time made it so, partly, but if it were not for IBM's size in the market and their stupidity MS would not have been successful at dominating the entire market. Also, since it was government contracts that, basically, allowed IBM to achieve its status in the market we have series of events made possible by government interference in the market. This is why it is a lie to say that MS is what it is because it is innovative (everyone knows it is not).

Get on with doing the right thing--pursue the break-up of Microsoft and do it soon. It will change everything in the computer and software markets for the better, and besides, considering their practices of coercion with their vendors and the PC OEMs they deserve it.

Sincerely,

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